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In re Application of :
STOCK et al. :
Application No.: 10/579,369 : DECISION
PCT No.: PCT/US2003/007658 :
Int. Filing Date: 13 March 2003 :
Priority Date: 13 March 2002 :
Attorney's Docket No.: SIGNUM 3.3-005 :
For: MODULATION OF PROTEIN METHYLATION :
AND PHOSPHOPROTEIN PHOSPHATE :

This decision is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to change the order of names of the joint inventors filed 05 February 2008 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

BACKGROUND

On 13 March 2003, applicants filed international application PCT/US2003/007658, which designated the U.S. and claimed a priority date of 13 March 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 25 September 2003. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 13 September 2004.

On 15 May 2006, applicants filed a submission for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the U.S. Basic National Fee, a petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b), and an Application Data Sheet listing the inventors in the order they appear in the published international application.

On 14 August 2006, a decision was mailed granting applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

On 06 November 2006, a NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) was mailed according the application a 35 U.S.C. 371 date of 15 May 2006.

On 05 February 2008, applicants submitted the instant petition under 37 CFR 1.182 requesting to change the order of names of the joint inventors.

DISCUSSION

The petition filed 05 February 2008 requests that order of the names of the inventors be changed to list Jeffry B. STOCK as the first named inventor Gregory STOCK as the second named inventor, Maxwell STOCK as the third named inventor, and Scott VAFAI as the fourth named inventor. As noted in MPEP § 605.04(f), since the particular order in which the names appear is of no consequence insofar as the legal rights of the joint applicants are concerned, no changes will be made except when a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is granted. The petition fee has been paid. The order of the names has been changed.

CONCLUSION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to change the order of the names of the inventors is **GRANTED** for the reasons set forth above.

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